

The Georgia Board of Nursing met December 10, 2010 via teleconference at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, 31217.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Delynn Keeton, RN, MN, CPHRM, President  
Scott Thigpen, RN, DNP, MSN, CEN, CCRN, Vice President  
Nancy Robinson, RNC, LNHA  
Mary Anderson, RN, BSN, MPH  
Dawn Taylor, JD, Consumer Member  
Barry Cranfill, RN, CRNA, MHS, MBA, FAAPM

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Janice Flynn, DSN, RN

### **STAFF PRESENT**

James Cleghorn, Executive Director  
Gwendolyn Dodson, Administrative Assistant  
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Keeton called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Robinson moved to vote to repost Rule 410-1-.01 as amended. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **410-1-.01 Organization and Administration of the Board Office. Amended.**

(1) The Nurse Practice Act provides that, in order to protect, promote and preserve the public health, safety and welfare, any person practicing or offering to practice professional nursing for compensation in Georgia, shall be licensed according to the provisions established by the Georgia Board of Nursing.

(2) The Nurse Practice Act further creates a Board of Nursing with regulatory authority and dictates the Board's composition and qualifications of members, methods of appointment, and terms of office. The Act specifies Board functions and duties thus providing for the implementation of the Nurse Practice Act through the adoption of rules and regulations.

(3) All provisions of O.C.G.A. 43-1-19 (General Provisions Act) are expressly incorporated as regulating registered professional nurses.

(4) All Rules and Regulations pertaining to the Administration of the Georgia Board of Nursing shall be administered by the Executive Director through the Division Director, Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State.

~~(5) The Georgia Board of Nursing shall consist of seven registered nurses and one consumer appointed by the Governor.~~

~~(6) The Board shall approve the selection of a qualified registered nurse, to serve as Executive Director and define the duties in collaboration with the Division Director.~~

~~(7) The Board staff shall consist of at least three qualified registered nurses, in addition to the Executive Director and clerical staff, to assist in the regulation of nursing education, nursing practice and licensure.~~

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-26-2, 43-26-4 and 43-26-5 (a) and (c).

Thigpen moved that the formulation and adoption of these rules does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the applicable laws as provided by the Attorney General's Office. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

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Delynn Keeton, ***President***

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James Cleghorn, ***Executive Director***

The minutes were recorded by Gwendolyn Dodson, Administrative Assistant, and approved January 13, 2011.